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Dear Sir:

The following information is being disclosed to the Patent and Trademark Office as information that may be material to the examination of the above-identified patent application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed together with the above-identified patent application. Thus, a certification under 37 CFR (e) or fee under 37 CFR 1.17(p) is not required for the information herein to be considered.

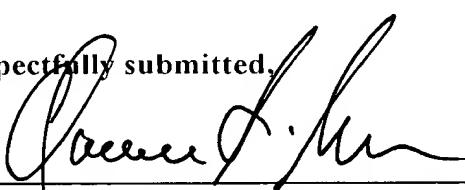
The above-identified patent application claims priority to Finnish Patent Application No. FI 20001429 filed 15 June 2000. Applicants' attorney encloses a copy of a Finnish Office Action issued on the priority Finnish Patent Application No. FI 20001429. The Office Action cited United States Patent No. 5,969,698; European Patent Application Nos.: EP 0571702; EP 0982676; EP 0679984; French Patent Application No. FR 2779559 (English equivalent US Patent No. 6,161,654 attached); PCT International Publication No. WO 00/21024 and Japanese patent document Nos.: JP 11312033 (English translation of the abstract attached) and JP 08173411 (English translation attached).

Copies of the Finnish Office Action and the cited references are enclosed together with PTO-Form 1449.

Applicants' attorney encloses copies of the following documents: "Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition", Segen et al., IEEE Computer Society Conference, 1999, pages 479-485; Stereo Graphics' 93-gram CrystalEyes' Stereo3D, "Leave the Competition in your Wake", 4 page article and "S128OCS/S1680 Shape Tape™", Measurand Inc., 1999, 3 page article. These documents were cited in the specification of the above-identified application. Applicants' attorney also encloses copies of: "Dextrous Interaction with Computer Animations Using Vision-Based Gesture Interface", Segen et al, Bell Laboratories, USA, pages 281-285; "Gesture Based 3D Man-Machine Interaction Using a Single Camera", Kumar et al, Bell Laboratories, 1999 IEEE, pages 630-635; "3D Glasses and Other 3D Display Devices", Engdahl, 1999, 15 page article and "Virtual Worlds: No Interface to Design" Technical Report R-90-2, Bricken, Human Interface Technology Laboratory (HITL), Washington Technology Center, University of Washington, 18 page article. These documents were provided by the applicants and may be considered relevant to the invention claimed in the above-identified application.

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